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Grand Jury Representation at Board of Supervisors' Meetings During
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Purpose

To provide for the requested representation of the Grand Jury at Board of Supervisors' meetings during the Board's consideration of items filed with it by the Jury.

Background

Each Grand Jury is required by Section 933, Penal Code, to submit to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court a final report of its findings and recommendations that pertain to County government matters during the fiscal year that it is impaneled. This report is also filed with the Board of Supervisors which must comment on those findings and recommendations that pertain to County government matters under control of the Board. In addition to this legally required final report, Grand Juries also file with the Board from time to time special interim reports and other correspondence which call for the consideration and response of the Board. (The process for the Board's response to Grand Jury interim reports is set forth in Board of Supervisors' Policy A-43.) In that (1) Grand Juries are making increasing use of interim reports and other written communications to the Board during the course of their terms which call for the Board's response; and (2) during the Board's consideration of these items, as well as the required final report, there are occasions when further clarification from the Jury is desirable, it is considered appropriate to establish, by policy, a process for exchanging views on these matters.

Policy

It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that:

1. When the Board is scheduled to have before it, for consideration and response, an interim report or other substantive correspondence from the Grand Jury, the Foreman of the Grand Jury be requested to attend or be represented by another member of the jury for the purpose of participation in discussion of the matter.
2. When the Board is scheduled to have before it for consideration the final report or other correspondence of a Grand Jury whose term has ended, the Foreman of the Grand Jury issuing that final report or other correspondence be requested to attend or be represented by another member of that jury for the purpose of participating in discussion of the matter.
3. In the above instances, the Chief Administrative Officer shall be responsible for:

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- a. Determining (after consultation with the Chair or other members of the Board of Supervisors) the date of the Board meeting at which Grand Jury representation is most appropriate for a particular item.
- b. Extending, on behalf of the Board, a request to the Foreman of the Grand Jury to attend or be represented at that meeting.

4. In each instance, the Board shall set a time certain to consider and discuss those Grand Jury items for which Grand Jury representation is requested. Such time shall be set based on consideration of the mutual convenience of the Grand Jury and the Board.

Sunset Date

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 12-31-01.

Board Action

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CAO Reference

1.Chief Financial Officer/Auditor and Controller